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(b) a nucleic acid molecule that is completely complementary to the nucleic acid molecule of (a).

REMARKS

Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for the indication of the allowability of this case and for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives during the telephone interview on March 21, 2001.

Per the Examiner's request, Applicants have amended claim 30 to correct a minor typographical error by substituting the reference to "SEQ ID NO:1" with "SEQ ID NO:12." In addition, Applicants have cancelled claims 18, 21 and 22 without prejudice or disclaimer by this amendment. The cancellation of claims made herein does not constitute acquiescence in the propriety of any objection or rejection made by the Examiner, but is made merely to advance the case towards allowance. Applicants, however, reserve their right to file continuing applications in respect of the subject matter of these claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims. If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a

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Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is hereby respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Marked up replacement paragraph:

30. A recombinant nucleic acid:

- (a) encoding MDK1. Δ 1 set forth in SEQ ID NO:11; or MDK1. Δ 2 set forth in [SEQ ID NO:1] SEQ ID NO:12 or
- (b) a nucleic acid molecule that is completely complementary to the nucleic acid molecule of (a).

Marked up rewritten claims:

30. (Amended) A recombinant nucleic acid:

- (a) encoding MDK1. Δ 1 set forth in SEQ ID NO:11; or MDK1. Δ 2 set forth in SEQ ID NO:12 or
- (b) a nucleic acid molecule that is completely complementary to the nucleic acid molecule of (a).

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